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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED RESEARCH GRANT,  
1 POL HD09272-01, "MIGRATION POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT,"  
WAYNE A. CORNELIUS

REF: STATE A-3045, APRIL 30, 1975

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT FIND GRANT OF USG FUNDS FOR PROPOSED  
STUDY "IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON RURAL OUT-MIGRATION"  
CONSISTENT WITH EMBASSY POLICY ON THE EXPENDITURE OF  
USG FUNDS IN MEXICO IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION. IT HAS  
BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE EMBASSY POLICY THAT GOM WRITTEN  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE PRESENCE OF USG FUNDS  
IN USG SUPPORTED POPULATION PROJECTS IN MEXICO BE OBTAINED,  
PREFEREABLY BY THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, IN ORDER TO PROTECT  
THE USG IN THE EVENT OF ANY ADVERSE INTERPRETATIONS OF  
USG INVOLVEMENT IN MEXICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIS  
PROJECT PROPOSAL DOES NOT INDICATE THAT THE GOM HAS  
EXPRESSED SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENT NOR INDEED ANY INTEREST IN  
OR AWARENESS OF THE STUDY.

2. EMBASSY ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN AT CHOICE OF  
PROJECT LOCATION AND TIMING. A) CENTRAL MEXICO HAS  
BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL AMERICAN RESEARCH STUDIES  
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OF THE GOM SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE HAVE VOICED THE OPINION THAT THESE STUDIES ARE A SOURCE OF DISRUPTION TO THE PEOPLE SURVEYED, AND MOREOVER PROVIDE NO SUBSEQUENT MATERIAL BENEFIT TO THEM. B) AT PRESENT, AID/W IS IN THE PROCESS OF TERMINATING A CONTRACT WITH AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WORKING AT A PROJECT SITE IN THE STATE OF MEXICO. THIS PROJECT DID NOT ACHIEVE ITS STATED GOALS AND HAS ADDED TO THE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF VARIOUS GOM OFFICIALS WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN RESEARCHERS IN THEIR COUNTRY. C) EMBASSY ALSO CONSIDERS 1975 PREMATURE FOR VALID MEASURE OF EFFECT OF GOM POPULATION POLICY ON MIGRATION: NEW GOM POPULATION LAW INSTITUTED IN LATE 1973 (MEXICO A-33, 1/11/74); NATIONAL POPULATION COUNCIL IN EARLY STAGES OF FAMILY PLANNING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AND PROJECTS (MEXICO A-157, 5/2/75); RURAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF GOM SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE ALSO INCOMPLETE.

3. GIVEN THE DISPARATE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXTS IN WHICH GOM AND USG DOMESTIC POLICIES OPERATE, IT DOES NOT LOGICALLY FOLLOW THAT THIS RESEARCH PROJECT WILL HAVE PRACTICAL OR INDEED THEORETICAL APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES. IN LIGHT OF THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, EMBASSY IN GENERAL OF OPINION THAT ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PROJECTS OF A HIGHER COST-BENEFIT RATION, WITH BENEFITS TO THE U.S. BEING ONE OF THE CRITERIA.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING QUOTE TO BE FOUND ON FORM NIH-820 FROM RICHARD HOPKINS, ASSOC. DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM SERVICES, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT TO U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS, "KEEPING IN MIND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AWARD IS PRIMARILY TO ADVANCE THE MEDICAL SCIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES," EMBASSY OFFICER'S CAREFUL READING OF PROPOSAL CAN FIND NO INDICATION OF MEDICAL BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM THIS STUDY.  
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5. EMBASSY FURTHER ADVISES PHS THAT WAYNE CORNELIUS HAS RECEIVED PREVIOUS FUNDING FROM THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR THIS PROJECT UNDER THE TITLE "DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF OUT-MIGRATION FROM RURAL COMMUNITIES IN MEXICO" AND HAS APPARENTLY DIRECTED HIS REQUEST WITHOUT REVISION TO PHS IN ORDER TO EXTEND HIS FUNDING BEYOND THE SMITHSONIAN TERMINATION

DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 1975.

6. GIVEN THE ABOVE FACTORS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS  
AGAINST APPROVAL OF SUBJECT GRANT. JOVA

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